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Airport Authority Celebrates Airside Terminal Improvements at Louisville International

Louisville, KY (March 9, 2017) – Louisville Regional Airport Authority officials, along with local community leaders, celebrated the recent completion of airside improvements to the Louisville International Airport as part of the Terminal Enhancement Project. The project includes more than \$9.5 million in aesthetic improvements recommended by community visioning groups, aimed at enhancing the travelers' experience.

“Thanks to the contributions of our business partners blended with the infrastructure and decorative improvements of the renovation, our terminal provides travelers with an extraordinary ‘Uniquely Louisville’ experience. We couldn’t be more pleased,” said Jim Welch, Chair of the Airport Authority Board of Directors.



Ribbon cutting ceremony left to right: Stephanie Havard, Executive Vice President of Restaurant Development HMSHost; Gregg Paradies, President and CEO, Paradies Lagardere; Jim Welch, Airport Authority Board Chair; Skip Miller, Airport Authority Executive Director and Brittany Allison Economic Development Manager, Louisville Forward.

As part of the Terminal Enhancement Project, the majority of the terminal’s nearly 105,000 square feet renovation (airside) is close to completion, with design work echoing the community visioning groups’ two-part theme – *distilling great experiences* and *setting a higher standard* – to reflect the spirit of Louisville. The landside renovations were completed in December of 2016.

Major improvement elements as part of the Terminal Enhancement Project (airside) include:

- New terrazzo floor and carpet
- Improvements to the connector area between the security checkpoint and concourses
- Installation of new representative community images and other graphics
- New wall treatments
- Recharge stations

As part of the project, food-and-beverage operator Host International, Inc. (HMSHost) of Bethesda, MD and gift-and-news retailer Paradies-Lagardère of Atlanta, GA, have invested more than \$8.3 million combined in new or remodeled food outlets and retail shops.

“We’re thrilled and appreciative to grow our long-standing partnership with the Louisville International Airport, and unveil one of the first ever TODAY airport retail stores,” said Gregg Paradies, president and CEO of Paradies Lagardère. “Along with new locations Kentucky Bourbon Trail and Brooks Brothers, and our other great retail brand partners, Paradies Lagardère is happy to give travelers at the airport not only well-known internationally-known brands, but the ability to shop local.”

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“HMSHost is very excited to celebrate the recent openings of 10 truly special local dining options at Louisville International Airport. From our new Book & Bourbon that celebrates Kentucky’s Bourbon heritage, to everyone’s favorite coffee Starbucks, to several beloved local brands, travelers will find a diverse set of dining options sure to meet all their needs. We are also very pleased to have Tinsley Family Concessions as the operator of several locations including Coal’s Artisan Pizza, The Comfy Cow, Bourbon Academy and Chili’s,” said HMSHost Executive Vice President of Restaurant Development Stephanie Havard.

“Louisville International Airport has been a great partner in opening these restaurants in conjunction with other terminal enhancements and we congratulate them on these achievements,” Havard adds.

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Landside Terminal		
Former	New	Concession
<i>Heine Brothers To Go</i>	Winner's Circle	G&N
<i>Woodford Reserve Grill</i>	Book & Bourbon Southern Kitchen	F&B
<i>Starbucks</i>	The Comfy Cow	F&B
<i>Burger King / KFC Express</i>	KFC / Starbucks	F&B
<i>New York Times Books and News</i>	TODAY	G&N
<i>Louisville Slugger</i>	Louisville Slugger	G&N
<i>Churchill Downs</i>	Churchill Downs	G&N
<i>PGA Tour Shop</i>	Brooks Brothers	G&N
<i>Churchill Downs / PGA Tour Shop</i>	Kentucky Bourbon Trail	G&N
Airside Terminal		
Former	New	Concession
<i>Stars of Louisville</i>	Coals Artisan Pizza	F&B
<i>Quiznos</i>	Smashburger	F&B
<i>Chili's Too</i>	Chili's Bar & Grill	F&B
<i>Starbucks</i>	Starbucks Evenings	F&B
<i>The Bourbon Loft</i>	Bourbon Academy Tasting Room	F&B
<i>LaTapenade</i>	The Local Rustic Market	F&B
<i>LaTapenade</i>	Farmers Market	F&B
<i>Experience Kentucky</i>	Distillery District Marketplace	G&N
<i>Brighton Collectibles</i>	Brighton	G&N
<i>Finish Line News</i>	Finish Line	G&N
<i>CNBC News</i>	WAVE3 - NBC Travel Store	G&N
<i>CNBC News Express</i>	CNBC News Express	G&N
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